

The General Assembly this year directed the Legislative Council's Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters to conduct a comprehensive survey of the financial resources of its political subdivisions. From the report of this Committee, we hope it will be possible to make an intelligent decision about the allocation of State funds to the counties and municipalities, with the aim of helping the subdivisions to solve their financial problems without, at the same time, jeopardizing the State's own financial position.

I would like to assure you, in conclusion, that my Administration is vitally interested in your local problems and will continue in its effort to help you resolve them.

ADDRESS, INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON POTOMAC
RIVER BASIN — FREDERICK

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First of all, let me tell you that we are happy and privileged to be members of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, and we are even more happy to have this opportunity to join with the Maryland Land Week Committee, the Maryland State Soil Conservation Committee and the four soil conservation districts represented here in a discussion of the subject of water conservation.

We are particularly pleased to have with us at this meeting our neighbors from Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia, and on behalf of all the people of the State, I extend to you good people a cordial welcome to Maryland. I need not remind you that I am no expert on the problems you have come here to talk about. And, I shall be content to leave the details of the discussion in the many capable hands I see about me here. As a citizen and as a public official, however, I am mindful of the increasingly important role water resources have come to play in our lives.

We are living in an era of staggering social and economic growth, All about us we are besieged by evidence of this. Less evident, perhaps, but no less real and no less pressing are the demands which this growth upon our water resources. What we do now to conserve, control and distribute our water resources to a very great degree will determine the results of this expansion of our society and our